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CAPACITY SMART CARDS

PETITION TO ACCEPT APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Los Angeles, CA 90024

Applicant hereby petition that the enclosed copy of page 1 of the specification be deemed to have been filed with the rest of the application, and that this application be accorded the filing date of September 8, 2003.

This enclosed Notice To File Corrected Application papers states that page 1 of the specification, which contains the abstract, was not filed. A copy of page 1 as originally filed, is enclosed.

The undersigned declares that the enclosed page 1 was, in fact, deposited with the application papers on September 8, 2003. The undersigned personally reviews every patent application before he personally signs the transmittal sheet and place the application in an Express Mail envelope addressed to the Patent Office. The undersigned looks at the page number of each sheet to be sure that no sheet is missing.

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Thus, applicant petitions that the original filing date of September 8, 2003 be accorded this application, that page 1 be deemed to have been filed September 8, 2003, and that the petition fee be refunded.

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